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SUBJECT: 1977 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC)
FOR AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE

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1. FOLLOWING RELATES TO COMMENTS OF ITU DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER REPORTED REFTEL.
2. IN VIEW OF SCHEDULING CONSTRAINTS REPORTED SUBPARA 1-B REFTEL, WE ESPECIALLY HOPEFUL AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE CAN BE SCHEDULED MARCH-APRIL 1977.
3. WE FIND PUZZLING BUTLER'S REMARK THAT QUESTION IS BEING RAISED "INCREASINGLY" WHETHER AERONAUTICAL WARC SHOULD BE HELD IN 1977. AS YOU HAVE REPORTED, SCANDINAVIANS HAVE QUESTIONED TIMING OF AERONAUTICAL WARC FOR SOME TIME, BUT WE ARE UNAWARE OF OTHERS. PLEASE ATTEMPT ELICIT FURTHER DETAIL FROM BUTLER, TO INCLUDE IDENTITY ANY NEW DETRACTORS.
4. USE OF WORD "ALLOCATION" INSTEAD OF "ALLOTMENT" IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBPARA 1-B REFTEL, UNLESS UNINTENTIONAL, MAY REFLECT

BASIC MISUNDERSTANDING OF PURPOSE OF PROPOSED AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE.

A. AS DEFINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 6, ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE, GENEVA 1959, "ALLOCATION" REFERS TO FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION TO RADIO SERVICES. "ALLOTMENT" REFERS TO FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION TO AREAS OR COUNTRIES.

B. IN POINT OF FACT, PURPOSE OF AERONAUTICAL CONFERENCE, AS DESCRIBED IN CIRCULAR-LETTER NO. 485, 30 AUGUST 1974, REQUESTING VIEWS OF ADMINISTRATIONS ON HOLDING OF CONFERENCE, IS QUITE RESTRICTED AND SPECIFIC: "...TO REVIEW AND REVISE AS NECESSARY THE PLAN IN APPENDIX 27 OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF FREQUENCIES WITHIN THE HF BANDS ALLOCATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE, TOGETHER WITH THE RELEVANT REGULATORY PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE HF AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) SERVICE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVING THE PLAN BY ADOPTION OF SINGLE SIDE BAND TECHNIQUES."

C. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND REFERENCE IN SUBPARA 1-B REFTEL TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISING OF SUCCESS OF 1979 GENERAL CONFERENCE. PLEASE CLARIFY WITH BUTLER.

5. REGARDING REMARK ABOUT INSUFFICIENT PREPARATIONS BY ADMINISTRATIONS, ICAO IS IN PROCESS OF SETTING UP TEN-MEMBER STUDY GROUP TO PREPARE ICAO POSITION FOR AERONAUTICAL WARC. U.S. WILL PARTICIPATE IN GROUP, WHICH WILL REFLECT WIDE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION.

6. APPRECIATE ADVICE OF WASHINGTON VISIT BY ARNE BOE OF NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION. PLAN SEE HIM NEXT WEEK, AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE BY THEN WOULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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